

# Application for Certification

## Would you like to advertise your wildlife sanctuary?

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife looks forward to acknowledging your efforts to provide habitat for wildlife where you live or work. Fill out this application and within two weeks of receiving it and the application fee, we'll send you a **personalized certificate** suitable for framing, a **yard sign** to educate others about your habitat project, and a subscription to our "*Crossing Paths*" newsletter.



## Contact Information - (please TYPE or PRINT legibly)

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) to Appear on Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Habitat Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

### Office Use

Habitat # \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Rcvd. \_\_\_\_\_

Cert. Sent \_\_\_\_\_

## Property information

Is your property a ☐ Urban lot ☐ Suburban lot ☐ Rural lot - How many acres? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been gardening for wildlife at this property? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for certification before? ☐ Yes ☐ No - If yes, list habitat # \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, is this application for a ☐ New property ☐ Second property

## Processing Information (allow two weeks)

☐ \$5.00 Application Fee enclosed.

This fee covers our processing and handling costs and is non-refundable.

Make check out to: **WDFW**

Mail check and application to: Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Western WA BWS Program  
16018 Mill Creek Boulevard  
Mill Creek, WA 98012-1296

Eastern WA BWS Program  
8702 N Division Street  
Spokane, WA 99218-1199

☐ I've included an additional \$4 for each extra sign.

☐ To save paper, I wish to receive newsletter electronically at email address listed.

Please see other side

## *Habitat Information*

**1. Plant List:** Plant communities form the foundation of habitat for all wildlife. Plants that are native to your area are best. Please try to list the major native and non-native trees, shrubs, grasses, perennials, annuals, etc. that grow in your habitat. Also indicate approximate quantity of each species observed.

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**2. Food:** Plants are the best food source for wildlife. Feeders can be used as a supplemental source of food. Remember some creatures will become food for others in a balanced habitat. Be sure to encourage a diversity of wildlife in your yard to ensure a healthy ecosystem. Tell us how you provide food:

**Plant Foods:** ☐ Seeds ☐ Nuts ☐ Berries ☐ Fruits ☐ Nectar ☐ Foliage/Twigs  
☐ Sap ☐ Pollen

**Feeders:** ☐ Tube ☐ Platform ☐ Suet ☐ Hummingbird ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Water:** Wildlife need a clean water source for drinking and bathing. Tell us how you provide water:

☐ Birdbath ☐ Water Garden/Pond ☐ Lakefront ☐ Riverfront ☐ Stream ☐ Wetland  
☐ Spring/Seep ☐ Puddling Area ☐ Year-round ☐ Coastal ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Cover:** Wildlife need places to find shelter from the weather and predators. Please tell us how you provide cover:

☐ Wooded Area ☐ Dense Shrubs/Thicket ☐ Bramble Patch ☐ Evergreens ☐ Log Pile  
☐ Meadow/Scrub ☐ Rock Pile/Wall ☐ Ground Cover ☐ Brush Pile ☐ Snags  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Places to Raise Young:** To provide complete habitat, you must provide places for wildlife to raise young. Tell us how you provide a place to raise young for nesting birds, denning mammals, egg-laying amphibians, reptiles, fish, butterflies, or other insects/invertebrates:

☐ Mature Trees ☐ Dense Shrubs/Thicket ☐ Water Garden/Wetland ☐ Dens ☐ Birdhouses  
☐ Meadow/Scrub ☐ Trees with Cavities ☐ Plants for Caterpillars to Eat ☐ Snags ☐ Bathouses  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Resource Conservation:** Tell us how you are conserving resources for people and wildlife:

☐ Community conservation ☐ Capturing roof rain water ☐ Xeriscaping ☐ Removing invasive exotic plants  
☐ Keeping cats indoors ☐ Mulching/Composting ☐ Reducing or eliminating lawn areas  
☐ Using drip irrigation ☐ Planting native plants suited to the area  
☐ Filtering storm water ☐ Reducing or eliminating pesticide/chemical fertilizer use

**7. Wildlife:** Please list the wildlife that your habitat supports.

☐ Mammals (Bats) ☐ Birds ☐ Amphibians ☐ Reptiles ☐ Insects/invertebrates ☐ Fish

Share specific species: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Attachments:** Along with this application, you may send us a simple sketch and/or images of your habitat since we cannot visit in person. Feel free to include other attachments to share additions to your plant and wildlife list or wildlife stories. All attachments must be no larger than 11x17 inches. None of the above are required for certification.

*Please keep a copy of this application for your records.*

**Visit our website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov>**